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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation

861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: February 7, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gary Johnson, Professional Member, President

Dr. Marcia Halperin, Professional Member, Vice President

Dr. Steve Eichel, Professional Member

Dr. Rick Brokaw. Professional Member

Dr. Wesley Bowman, Professional Member

Andrew Slater, Public Member

Eleanor Allione, Public Member

Lee Wheeler, Public Member

Joan McDonough, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II Diane Crockett, Administrative Specialist II Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General James Collins, DPR Director Kay Warren, DPR Deputy Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Warren K. Ellis, Ph.D., Director of Community Services & Adult Special Populations for DDDS Sarah Marvian, Ph.D., Director of Behavior Sciences for DDDS Deborah Gottschalk, Chief Policy Advisor for DDDS Christine Long, Residents' Protection Administrator for DDDS

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Brokaw, to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Monitoring - Tamara Perry

No report required.

Monitoring – Terry McCandies

No report required.

Monitoring – Jeffrie Silverberg

The Board reviewed and accepted a letter from Dr. Silverberg's supervisor, Carl Chenkin, Ph.D., advising the Board that he was doing well in his position.

Re-Review of Tabled Application to Sit for the EPPP Examination

After reviewing the revised supervisory form, a motion was made by Dr. Brokaw, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to approve Karen Suetterlein to sit for the EPPP examination. The motion unanimously carried.

Final Denial

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Ms. Allione, to deny the application of Shakesha Anderson-Clarke since she did not provide any additional documentation or request a hearing after receiving notice that the Board had proposed to deny her application for reciprocity. The motion was unanimously carried.

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services – Senate Bill 236

Representatives from the Division of Developmental Disability Services (DDDS) were in attendance to meet with the Board to discuss their concerns over the recently passed Senate Bill 236, which now requires Registered Psychological Assistants to have a PhD or a PsyD, instead of a Master's degree.

DDDS employs both Behavioral Analysts (BA) and Registered Psychological Assistants (RPA). Behavior Analysts prepare and implement behavioral support strategies, guidelines, and plans through testing, direct client observation, and evaluate reports that are prepared for their clientele. DDDS was concerned that their future employees, who are being contracted out at this time, must have doctoral degrees and be Registered Psychological Assistants, even their duties can be defined as a Behavior Analyst.

It was concluded that as long as their employees, who are really defined as Behavioral Analysts were not representing themselves as psychologists or psychological assistants and stayed within their scope of practice, they would not be required to have a Doctoral degree or a psychological assistants registration because they would fall under the exception Title 24 Del. Code §3519 (b).

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications to Sit for EPPP Examination

The Board reviewed the application of Victoria Franz, Ph.D.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Ms. Allione, to approve Dr. Franz for licensure contingent upon passing the EPPP. The motion unanimously carried.

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The Board reviewed the application for Megan Kramer, Ph.D.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Brokaw, seconded by Dr. Halperin, to approve Dr. Kramer for licensure contingent upon passing the EPPP. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application of Anthony Hill, Ph.D.

A motion was made by Mr. Slater, seconded by Ms. McDonough, to approve Dr. Hill's application for licensure by reciprocity. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Pamela Calvert-Hirt, PsyD.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Brokaw, to approve Dr. Calvert-Hirt's application for licensure by reciprocity. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Psychological Assistant Registration

The Board reviewed the application of Kwanda Harris, PsyD.

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Brokaw, to approve Dr. Harris' application for a Psychological Assistant Registration. The motion was unanimously carried.

COMPLAINT STATUS

26-09-07 - Closed

26-11-07 - Closed

26-06-09 - Closed

26-07-09 - Assigned

26-08-09 - Closed

26-06-09 - Closed

26-01-10 - Assigned

26-02-10 - Assigned

26-03-10 - Assigned

26-04-10 - Assigned

26-05-10 - Assigned

26-06-10 - Assigned

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Elizabeth Kuneman who had questions about the postdoctoral supervision requirement for licensing. Answers to her questions were compiled from the Board members discussion and an email will be sent to her.

Dr. Johnson read a correspondence from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. This letter was to inform state boards that a Dr. Vitomir Zepinic recently lost his license to practice psychology due to a conviction from offenses relating to practicing medicine without a license. He is suspected to be living and working in Europe but may be practicing in the U.S.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Halperin was nominated and accepted the position as president of the Board. Dr. Eichel was nominated and accepted the position of vice president of the Board. Ms. Allione was nominated and accepted the position of secretary of the Board.

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OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Wesley Bowman was introduced as the newest professional member to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 7, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Halperin, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Crockett, Administrative Specialist II Board of Examiners of Psychologists